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FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

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INFO AMCONSUL DURBAN

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SUBJECT: MISSION CONSULAR CONFERENCE AND TRAVEL OF AF/S DEPUTY
DIRECTOR

REF: A) STATE 284209; B) STATE 283478 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED NOTIFICATION FROM DEPARTMENT
RE FY 75 BUDGET ALLOTMENT, AND UNTIL SUCH NOTIFICATION RECEIVED
WE UNABLE MAKE DECISION WHETHER TO HOLD CONSULAR CONFERENCE.

HOWEVER, IF ALLOTMENT PERMITS WE WOULD PLAN TO HOLD CONFERENCE
ON DATES TO COINCIDE WITH VISIT OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR ARENALES.

2. BECAUSE OF OUR COMMON INTEREST IN CERTAIN CONSULAR MATTERS
(ESPECIALLY VISAS FOR OFFICIAL AMERICANS), ADMINISTRATIVE
MATTERS, AND DEVELOPING POLITICAL SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA,
EMBASSY STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT BLS EMBASSIES SHOULD PARTICI-
PATE IN CONSULAR CONFERENCE IF THEY CAN BEAR TRAVEL AND
RELATED EXPENSES.

3. WHILE WE ARE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH TENTATIVE
ITINERARY FOR VISIT BY ARENALES, IF CONSULAR CONFERENCE
IS HELD WE WOULD SUGGEST FOLLOWING CHANGE. CONGEN DURBAN
WOULD LIKT TO COMBINE VISIT TO CAPE TOWN WITH DRIVE THROUGH
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TRANSKEI, WHICH HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO VISIT IN RECENT

MONTHS. THEREFORE, IF CONFERENCE DOES TAKE PLACE, WE SUGGEST THAT ARENALES' ITINERARY BE MODIFIED EITHER A) TO INCLUDE DURBAN VISIT AFTER CAPE TOWN AND WINDHOEK PORTIONS OF HIS TRIP, OR B) TO PROVIDE FOR ARENALES TO ARRIVE DURBAN IN TIME TO DEPART THERE FEBRUARY 2 WITH CONGEN FOR DRIVE, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE CALLS ON TRANSKEIAN OFFICIALS AT UMTATA (PARTY WOULD ARRIVE CAPE TOWN EVENING OF FEBRUARY 5, ENABLING CONFERENCE TO BE SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 6 AND ULM

4. IN ANY EVENT, WE WELCOME ARENALES' VISIT. WILL DEFER MAKING FINAL ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL ALLOTMENT RECEIVED AND DECISION CAN BE MADE ON CONSULAR CONFERENCE.
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